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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

**Apr 23, 2024**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAMANTHA MARIE TAINEWASHER;

and CALVIN JAMES HUNT,

Defendants.

No. 1:21-CR-02029-SAB

**ORDER SETTING SENTENCING  
HEARING**

A jury trial was held from November 13, 2023 to November 16, 2023 in Yakima, Washington for the above-captioned matter. Defendant Tainewasher was present, out-of-custody, and represented by Richard A. Smith and Douglas E. McKinley, Jr. Defendant Hunt was present, in custody, and represented by Ulvar W. Klein. The United States was represented by Michael Ellis and Timothy Ohms.

At the jury trial, Defendant Tainewasher was convicted of Counts 1 and 4 of the Superseding Indictment entered on November 9, 2022, which charged Defendant Tainewasher with Involuntary Manslaughter in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1112, 1153 and Use of a Communications Facility in the Commission of a Drug Felony in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 843(b), (d)(1), 2, ECF Nos. 192 and 339. Defendant Hunt was convicted of Counts 1, 2, and 3 of the Superseding Indictment entered on November 9, 2022, which charged Defendant Hunt with Involuntary Manslaughter in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1112, 1153, Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),

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1 (b)(1)(C), and Use of a Communications Facility in the Commission of a Drug Felony in  
2 violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 843(b), (d)(1), 2, ECF Nos. 192 and 341.

3 Since that time, both Defendants filed respective Motions for Acquittal, ECF Nos.  
4 346 and 347, which are currently set for oral argument on May 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in  
5 Yakima, Washington. To provide an expeditious resolution of this matter, the Court sets  
6 the sentencing hearing for the same date and time. The scheduling of sentencing in no way  
7 indicates the Court's ultimate ruling on the pending motions to acquit.

8 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

9 1. Sentencing is **set for May 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., in Yakima, Washington.**

10 2. The United States Probation Officer shall prepare a timely presentence  
11 investigation report ("PSIR") which will comply with the following schedule:

12 (a) Not less than **35 days prior to the date set for sentencing**, the Probation  
13 Officer shall disclose the PSIR to counsel for Defendants and the United States. Within **14**  
14 **days thereafter**, counsel shall communicate in writing to the probation office any  
15 objections they may have as to any factual errors or omissions; sentencing classifications;  
16 sentencing guideline ranges; and policy statements contained in or omitted from the report.  
17 Such communication may be oral initially but shall immediately be confirmed in writing to  
18 the Probation Officer and opposing counsel.

19 Objections shall be numbered and identify the paragraph(s) to which the  
20 objection applies. Objections shall address the PSIR in sequential order, beginning with  
21 the lowest numbered paragraph.

22 (b) After receiving counsel's objections, the Probation Officer shall conduct  
23 any further investigation and make any revisions to the PSIR that may be necessary. The  
24 Probation Officer may require counsel for both parties to meet with the officer to discuss  
25 unresolved factual and legal issues and counsel shall make themselves available for that  
26 purpose.

27 (c) At least **10 days prior to the date of the sentencing hearing**, the  
28 Probation Officer shall submit the PSIR to the sentencing judge. The PSIR shall be

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1 accompanied by an addendum setting forth any objections counsel may have made,  
2 including those that have not been resolved, together with the officer's comments and  
3 recommendations thereon. The Probation Officer shall certify that the contents of the  
4 report, other than sentencing recommendations, including any revisions or addenda, have  
5 been disclosed to counsel for the Defendants and the United States, and that the addendum  
6 fairly states any remaining objections.

7 (d) Except with regard to any written objection made under sub-division (a),  
8 the PSIR and computations shall be accepted by the Court as accurate. Upon a timely  
9 objection by the Defendants, the United States bears the burden of proof on any fact that is  
10 necessary to establish the base offense level. The Court, however, for good cause shown,  
11 may allow a new objection to be raised at any time before the imposition of sentence. In  
12 resolving disputed issues of fact, the Court may consider any reliable information  
13 presented by the Probation Officer, the Defendants, or the United States.

14 (e) Nothing in this Order requires the disclosure of any portions of the PSIR  
15 that are not disclosable under Rule 32 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

16 (f) The PSIR shall be deemed to have been disclosed: (1) when a copy of the  
17 report is physically delivered; or (2) one day after the report's availability for inspection is  
18 orally communicated; or (3) three days after a copy of the report or notice of its  
19 availability is mailed to counsel, whichever date is earlier.

20 (g) **All written materials in support of sentencing recommendations** must  
21 be filed and served at least **15 days prior to the date set for sentencing**. The opposing  
22 party shall file and serve a response, if any, **within 7 days** of receipt of the motion.

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1           3. By and through this Order, the District Court Clerk is authorized to accept  
2 Defendants' payment in the amount of \$100 per count toward Special Penalty  
3 Assessments.

4           **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is directed to file this Order and  
5 provide copies to counsel **AND TO** the United States Probation Office.

6           **DATED** this 23rd day of April 2024.



11           *Stanley A. Bastian*

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13           Chief United States District Judge  
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